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In re the Application of: Andrew Daiber et al.

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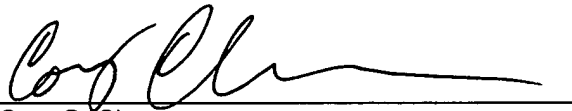
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 AND 1.121

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

The claims are amended as follows.

1. (Amended) A method for operating a laser with a semiconductor gain region, comprising sensing voltage across said gain region, and determining cavity losses according to said sensed voltage across said gain region.

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